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Inventor(s): Pierre Leroux

Title: A SELF-COMPENSATING MARK DESIGN FOR STEPPER ALIGNMENT

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(Under 37 CFR §1.53)

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- Specification, claims and abstract, totaling 33 pages.
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 Informal drawings, totaling 13 pages.
 Declaration and Power of Attorney.
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 Other: Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b) (2) (B) (i)

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CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEES
Basic Application Fee					\$710.00
Total Claims	20	Minus 20=	0	X \$18=	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus 3=	0	X \$80=	\$0.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$260.00					\$0.00
Add Assignment Recording Fee of \$40.00 If Assignment document is enclosed					\$40.00
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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
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